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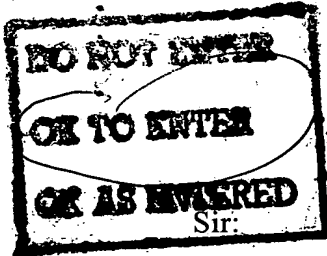
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Arthur L. Corbin
WILLIAM MUTILANGI ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 1761
Application No.: 09/458,677)
: Filed: December 10, 1999)
: For: USE OF METAL SALTS TO)
IMPROVE THE TASTE OF LOW-)
CALORIE BEVERAGES)
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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

I. Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the final Office

Action dated January 17, 2002, for three months from April 17, 2002, to July 17, 2002. A check in the amount of \$920.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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